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Celebrate Lights On Afterschool!

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will celebrate "Lights On Afterschool!" along with 7500 schools, community centers, parks, malls, state capitols and many other locations across the country to rally for after school. "Lights On Afterschool" is a national event to bring attention to the tremendous need for after school programs to keep kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. This 10th annual nationwide rally sponsored by the Afterschool Alliance will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

The City's Recreation Centers and after school programs will offer specific activities at their location to highlight the many activities offered to youth registered in the Out of School Time Programs at the seven full time recreation centers, three elementary after school programs and the two middle schools Power-Up Programs. The activities include music, dance, fashion, arts and crafts, and games themed for the decade of the 1930's. The Out of School Time Programs theme for this school year is a "Blast from the Past" and each month activities revolve around a different period in our country's history. The activities expose participants to events and people that have shaped the world of today.

To learn more about Lights On Afterschool, visit the Afterschool Alliance web site at www.AfterschoolAlliance.org. For more information on Out of School Time Programs offered by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, call 703.746.5429, visit your neighborhood recreation center or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.